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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/563,289

**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

Marcus Charles

**Art Unit**

3656

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2006.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-16 is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 10-12 is/are rejected.  
7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 January 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This is the first action relating to application serial number 10/563,289 filed 01/04/2006.

Claims 1-16 are currently pending.

#### ***Priority***

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

#### ***Drawings***

2. The examiner has accepted the drawing filed with this application as formal drawing.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chinitz et al. (6,802,208). Chinitz et al. discloses a wheel bearing for a vehicle comprising an outer member (118) having a plurality of raceway grooves (120, 122), an inner member (128) having a corresponding number of inner raceway grooves (132), a annular bearing space between the inner and outer members, plural rows of rolling elements interposed between the inner and outer opposite corresponding raceway grooves, sealing members (126, 124) for sealing the opposite open ends of the annular bearing spaces between the inner member and the outer member, a load sensor (116)

disposed within the annular bearing space for determining the one component of a force along a direction and the loading applied to the bearing.

In claim 11, Chinitz et al. disclose the sensor is a rotation sensor.

In claim 12, Chinitz et al. disclose the load applied by tire impose force to the spindle. As well known the force imposed on the spindle inherently affects the operation of the automotive body. Therefore, the load sensor is inherently utilized for an attitude control of the body structure.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chinitz et al. in view of JP (2004-127276). Chinitz et al. fails to disclose a transmitting device for transmitting wirelessly a force signal. JP (2004-127276) discloses a sensor device (4) comprising a wireless sensor unit for detecting a load signal from the sensor. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the sensor unit of Chinitz et al. so that it comprises a transmitting device that wirelessly transmits a load signal in view of JP (2004-127276) in order to avoid any wire or cable interference and to allow the sensor to be replaced without any physical disconnection from the system.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

7. Claims 2-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
8. Claims 13-16 are allowed.

***Citation***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note the prior art cited in attached PTO Form 892.
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (571) 272-7101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ridley Richard can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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